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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of

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ACID-RESISTANT MICROORGANISMS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to prosecution on the merits, kindly amend the application as follows.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly insert into the application Figures 1-8 attached hereto.

Kindly append to the application the attached copy of the Sequence Listing.

## **REMARKS**

The instant application is a continuation of PCT Ser. No. EP 99/08212 designating the United States filed 29 October 1999. Therefore, the entire content of EP 99/08212 is incorporated by reference in the instant continuation application.

Figures 1-8 comprise nucleic acid sequences of particular deposited subject matter. Four deposits, DMS ACC2356, DMS ACC2355, DMS ACC2360 and DMS ACC 2362, were submitted to an appropriate organization prior to the earliest priority filing date. Attached hereto

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